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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Deputy/Inspection and Security

SUBJECT: Proposal to SINKIC by Army to Provide Against
"False Confirmation" of U. S. Intelligence

REFERENCE: 1. Memorandum dated 4 November 1952 from Army
member, SINKIC
2. Memorandum from AD/IAS to AD/IC, dated
19 November 1952

1. Mr. Langshire of my staff discussed this proposal with [] when we first received it. The Army proposal appeared incomplete and Mr. Langshire suggested to [] that the paper be rewritten to clarify:

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a. That it applied to intelligence on the area for which [] is responsible (passed to CIA orally);

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b. That the resolution, if adopted, would be permissive only - not affecting existing agreements;

c. That the paper is confined to military information (including military intelligence); and

d. That the paper be more specific in its reference to existing policy papers (and these papers should be attached) which would be superseded.

[] discussed these points with the Army and was advised that these concerns could be handled orally and that the paper therefore would not require revision.

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2. Mr. Langshire then discussed the paper with several interested CIA offices. It was apparent from these discussions that as the paper lacked clarity no one would consider their attitude final until the paper was rewritten in more precise language. Following Mr. Langshire's discussions with CIA offices he again spoke with [] and conveyed to him the range of CIA opinion on the paper and consensus of that opinion. Comments on the paper as written ranged from concurrence to opposition. A summary of these comments is as follows:

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a. Although it is understood that the paper is addressed only to military information it does not so state and is therefore subject to criticism that the proposal extends beyond the jurisdiction of SEMIC;

b. It is understood that the intelligence area concerned is that for which [] is responsible but the paper does not so state;

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c. The paper does not indicate which policy papers it would supersede;

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CONCLUSION

b. Considering the opinions obtained informally by this office from the CIA offices we recommend that our SEMIC member register an objection to the Army proposal as written and, if the proposal continues before SEMIC, we seek a more precise paper to encompass the points mentioned above.

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5. As an alternative to the Army proposal our SDMIC member might consider the suggestion contained in paragraph 3 above.

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